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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM:  Donald H. Blevins
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SUBJECT: **CAMP GREGORY JARVIS DISTURBANCE**

This is to advise your Board that a disturbance occurred at Camp Jarvis today, Thursday, May 26, 2011, at approximately 8:24 a.m. During school movement, 16 minors delayed the movement by pretending to tie their shoes, once the movement was halted, several minors began to fight. Preliminary information indicates that the incident may have been gang motivated. A total of 91 minors currently reside at Camp Jarvis.

At the time of the incident, there were a total eight (8) staff and one (1) supervisor on duty at the camp. A radio broadcast was immediately made requesting all available staff to report to the East recreation field. A total of twenty-two (22) staff responded to assist from the other camps and the dinning hall. In an effort to gain control of the situation, staff deployed pepper spray to stop the fighting. The incident was quelled within one (1) minute and minors escorted to the Special Handling Unit (SHU) within five (5) minutes. No outside law enforcement assistance was required.

All minors were escorted to the SHU for decontamination and medical evaluation. All minors involved have been examined and medically cleared. No serious injuries to staff or minors were reported.

Further investigation is pending and I will apprise the Board of any new information as it becomes available.

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c: Honorable Michael Nash, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court
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